



In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-4. Please add new Claim 4.

Claims 1 through 4 (withdrawn).

Claim 4 (new): A ballot secrecy sleeve for a ballot inserted into a ballot tabulating machine, said machine having an essentially rectangular ballot receiving slot with left and right sides, a ballot machine cover and lower rollers adapted to receive an essentially rectangular ballot, comprising:

- (a) an essentially flat ballot sleeve having an upper shoulder connected to front and back ballot covers;**
 - (b) identical front and back covers closed at the upper end by said shoulder and open at the lower end, wherein the upper end of said ballot cover has left and right flanges wider than the slot of a ballot machine, and wherein the lower end of said ballot cover has a width equal to the width of a ballot and slot and a length shorter than the ballot;**
 - (c) said shoulder having a cut-out therein;**
- wherein the upper flanges of said ballot sleeve abut against the left and right sides of said ballot machine slot and wherein the ballot may be placed in the sleeve and pushed into contact with said ballot machine rollers using said cut-out.**